Household HazWaste: Reduction as your first choice

Reduce the amount of potentially hazardous products in your home and eliminate what you throw away by following these easy steps:

1. Before you buy:

- Read the labels and be aware of what they mean.
- Look for these words on labels; they tell you what products may need special handling or disposal:

Caution Flammable
Warning Combustible
Danger Explosive
Poison Volatile
Toxic Corrosive

- Select a product best suited for the job.
- Buy only what you can use entirely.



- Read precautions and follow directions for safe use.
- Use recommended amounts; more is not necessarily better.
- •Store properly and keep in original container.
- Use the child-resistant closures and keep them on tightly.
- •Share what you can't use with friends or neighbors.
- Recycle/dispose of empty container properly.

If you have old household products that you may consider hazardous or still have some product left over after following the preceding directions, use the information on the back side of this sheet for disposal advice.

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= Recycle

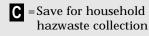
Disinfectants**

Flush with lots of water in sanitary sewer (not septic system or storm drain)



Dispose of dried solids in the trash

CX



=Exchange for reuse (if your community has a waste exchange program)

Household Items

Artist and hobby paint C Cleaner w/ ammonia* Cleaner w/ bleach*

Drain and toilet cleaners**

Floor/wax stripper***

Household batteries** T C Metal cleaners

C Mothballs

Oven cleaners** Polish & spot removers**

Polish w/ solvents*** C

Thermometers (mercury) C

Home Improvement

Adhesives, glues w/solvents***

Concrete cleaner (acid) CX

Furniture stripper Glaze, spackle

Glue (water based)

Latex paint

CX Oil-based paint

Paint remover

Paint thinner

Putty, grout, caulk

Stain, varnish, lacquer

CX Turpentine

Wood preservatives C

Yard & Garden

Driveway sealer	
Empty containers	

Fertilizer w/weed killer

Fertilizer (no weed killer)

Insect or bug killer

Lighter fluid Pool chemicals

Rat/rodent poison

Weed killer

Automotive

Antifreeze

CX

C

Auto batteries

Brake fluid

Carburetor cleaner

Degreasers

Gasoline, fuels Transmission fluid

Used motor oil

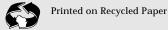
Windshield washer

* Never mix products containing ammonia with those containing bleach.

** Some, but not all, of these products need to be saved for collection. Read labels and call your local official for disposal advise.

*** Solvent-containing products have the words "Flammable", "Combustible" or "contains petroleum distillates" on the labels.

Also, products with acetone, xylene, and methylene chloride should be saved for collection.



Adapted from Waukesha County's HHW Disposal Guide by the Wisconsin Waste Reduction Coalition